

NBC NEWS - 1968 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION (SESSION 1) (DAY 1 OF 4)

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From Monday, August 5th, 1968 NBC NEWS live coverage of day 1 of the Republican National Convention from Miami Beach. Former Vice President, Richard Nixon was nominated for President and Maryland Governor Spiro Agnew was nominated for Vice President.

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negro author louis lomar and former co-director james farmer are to hold a joint news conference at three o'clock this afternoon in the marina room of convention hall in quote call for a candidate negroes can live with end quote and that means of course governor rockefeller new york at the same time charles evers apparently is planning a similar news conference in new york city nbc reporter herb kaplow says that nixon is attending a naturalization ceremony this morning for his maid and chauffeur at 20 west broadway in new york so domestic life goes on and as you know governor agnew of maryland is one of the potential king makers of this convention he's a favorite son and has been attempting to hold his delegation rather firmly but nbc's robert hager reports from american delegation the maryland delegation this morning that maryland's governor agnew seems certain now to come out for nixon by this evening and hopes to throw as many as 20 of maryland's 26 votes in that direction but rockefeller supporters in the delegation say the governor will be able to deliver something less than 16 and furthermore agnew may make the nixon nominating speech uh one of the seconding speeches now let's go to bob team i am told that uh this convention may yet get off on time sharply at 10 o'clock and we are directed to stand by in case the opening gavel does sound in the meantime here are some more items representative gerald ford will be permanent chairman who is to be repub a permanent chairman held out the possibility today of an extra day of balloting if delegates fail to nominate a presidential candidate by the end of three ballots he may declare a recess and order more balloting to begin the next day now the john chancellor on the convention floor uh we're standing in

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convention floor uh we're standing in the we're standing in the pennsylvania delegation i have my hand on a gubernatorial governor shaper hi john uh governor you you see that an increase in the press on the part of the nixon people the nixon or is unwavering delegates could you go into that in a little more detail no all i can tell you is that many of the delegates in our delegation for example have been besieged in the past 24 hours by individuals working on it i don't believe that it's locked i think the convention is going to be wide open i think that it'll go to the third or fourth or fifth ballot and by that time uh nelson rockefeller's real strength will trying through do you see any possibility in thinking ahead as sure as you are of a rockefeller victory here of any sort of vice presidential arrangement i'm sure that as i as every other prediction of 1968 is concerned you ought to you know that i'm very hopeful i'm very uh thankful that most of the delegates here came perhaps with a first preference for an individual candidate but that takes second priority to the first preference which is to nominate a winning team so we can give the country the leadership it so badly needs governor do

you suppose that polls ought to determine the outcome of a convention i think the delegates here want to know what the people of america and while polls are not final they do indicate trends so as far as you're concerned still an open convention it certainly is and i think it's going to be an exciting one and perhaps

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and perhaps the most important one i look for a rather long night thank you very much hey john nice to be with you governor schaefer of pennsylvania predicting a long wednesday night's battle now david thank you it appears that some sort of miracle is about to occur here in miami that a convention session is to begin on time the first words we heard from the restroom were manny a fanfare please and ray bliss the chairman of the republican national committee is about to appear to formally gavel the convention to order that is ray bliss leader of the political party for a political leader bliss is a fairly quiet man who hates making speeches he does this only when he has to and i suppose david if any one man can be credited with the honors for pulling this party together since 1964 most of the honors would have to go to this national chairman ray bliss he stayed out of the fractionalism of the party one of his first tasks when he went in with the 29th national convention of the republican party has been called for the day of august 5th and the hour of 10 am that day and hour having arrived i now call the convention order and declare it to be insatiable the colors will be presented by the guard of honor of the dade county american legend

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when ray bliss walked into the national office of washington on his first day taking over the national chairmanship he ordered an immediate inventory of all the office equipment was the first time that had ever been done from there on out he inventoried the entire party and as i said a moment ago has been signally and personally responsible for pulling the party together to back to its present strength ray bliss went to the university of akron and there is a story not entirely apocryphal certainly never been flatly denied that he was kicked out of the university of akron for stopping a ballot box in election for queen of the may and it developed that his future wife was one of the contestants bliss was also one of the first poll takers in the history of this country when he was a young republican in the state of ohio he started taking his own individual polls simply going door-to-door and asking questions and his polls turned out to be very accurate to the extent that ohio the ohio republican party was the envy of the national party for its strength and cohesiveness and its uh string of uh statewide victories you know very unkind cut in 1965 a new york herald tribune writer remarking about ray bliss's attire and taste in clothing said he dresses dapper rube now for whatever that may be true and for whatever its significance he is certainly no rule when it comes to managing a national political organization each island is now filled or is filling

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each island is now filled or is filling with american flags so speaking a little bit more about the rejuvenation of the party that has been accomplished underneath managerial talent of chairman ray bliss uh you might think back to the status of this party the end of the 1964 election the pledge of allegiance will be led by the honorable charles kerpis speaker of the higher house of representatives shall we join in the pledge of allegiance to our flag i pledge allegiance to the flight of the united states of america and to the republic for which it stands one nation under god indivisible with liberty and justice for all miss judith otton of liberty missouri a member of the kansas city lyric opera company will sing the national anthem please remain standing at the conclusion of the national anthem for the invocation

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[Applause] right [Music] oh [Applause] [Music] oh [Music] [Applause] [Music] the invocation will be offered by his excellency coleman f carol archbishop of the diocese of miami almighty father we come to you in prison for guidance and wisdom as we face our solemn duty towards our nation and the world

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how often we have heard the words of the psalmist how good how delightful it is for all men to live as brothers yet we confront the appalling fact that men everywhere are divided there are wars in the world our hearts are heavy as we realize the obstacles to peace in vietnam we are sickened to read that millions may starve in biafra we are concerned over the pressures placed upon czechoslovakia to stifle its bid for freedom there is violence at home twice this year the bullet of an assassin cut off the life of one of our national leaders there have been riots in our cities the heavy cloud of fear hangs over many of our citizens there is injustice in our nation we are rich yet millions of our citizens are oppressed by poverty we proclaim the equality of all men but we discriminate against those of another race or religion and our spanish-speaking citizens often do not feel welcome when they come to our shores many of our youth are in revolt

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they accuse us of hypocrisy in preaching a high moral code and living in fact a life of selfish indifference towards the needs of others they ask for challenge they ask for inspiration and we tell them to be comfortable father in heaven the power of this nation places us in a position of world leadership but can we lead through military and economic power if the quality of our lives seems drab and lifeless to millions in other lands we come to you then in a spirit of humble openness to your life and to your grace give us your healing love so that we may face our brothers in sensitive concern for their needs heal the wounds of sin in our souls so that we may heal the wounds of division in our nation inspire us to rise above the partisan in our policies and our candidates make us ever mindful that people are more important than politics give us wisdom and courage as we face the crushing problems of a troubled world

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help us we beg you help us for our need is indeed great we ask this in the name of your son amen thank you very much so the opening ceremonies of this republican convention are underway and uh i think we have remarked earlier that a miracle indeed has occurred this convention got off precisely on time we were remarking a moment ago about the rejuvenation of this party and this perhaps is something to bear in mind all week to look back at what happened after the election of 1964 when the party had suffered the worst defeat in its history losing an addition of course to the presidency and the vice presidency two senate seats 38 house seats several governorships the party was divided and bitter today it has won back three senate seats 47 seats in the house of representatives eight governorships it has more governorships now than the democrats divisions still exist but they seem to be under control david there are some preliminary ceremonies which will be beginning shortly with ray bliss on the platform he is um he's an interesting man he is widely held to be one of the most effective politicians in this country but he nevertheless does not fit the stereotype his idea of a good evening is to go home and put on his carpet slippers and eat popcorn to john chancellor john um governor reagan you've just arrived here in the hall for the first time will you go out a winner i can't go out a loser can i because what's wrong with going back to california as governor of california we've been told by governor schaefer of pennsylvania that the nixon forces are increasing their pressure on delegates that are waving have you been able to

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that are waving have you been able to observe any of this i don't know but i uh i imagine that they are getting a little concerned as we get down close to the wire governor can you give me your estimate of what the balloting might be on wednesday night do you think richard nixon is going to take it the first ballot or the second ballot well so far there's no evidence that it's going to be first ballot i doubt that i think it's going to be an open convention i think the favorite sons will mostly hold uh through two ballots at least what response do you have to the ohio delegation's decision this morning to stay with governor rose well i expected that did you talk to governor rhodes over the weekend about this uh well we had breakfast the other day it was a long-standing date we're friends over a long period of time and he told me at the time that he was he was going to hold for him all right so did you expect it to be several ballots on wednesday night yes you have a scenario governor rockefeller has one he says it'll erode from nixon and then swing through you to him would

you agree with that uh well i've i was in the other end of the picture business i didn't write the scripts that you're just you're you're happy and confident that it's going to go your way on wednesday night oh i didn't say that i just said uh i am one who has probably less concern than the others because i didn't seek this there are delegations who are obviously uh uh of defined that i should be the nominee well that's up to them and um other than that why as i say what's wrong with california well we'll let you get seated in the delegation thank you governor ronald reagan in california being very serene for an active candidate and now here's sander van oaker thank you john i'm with governor romney of michigan governor there's been great curiosity at the convention as to whether you have met with governor rhodes and governor agnew as the leading favorites on candidates we've talked what'd you talk about well we talked about what

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about what they thought about the candidates what they're going to do exchange of information what did you find out you know governor rhodes has said he is sticking to his decision to be nominated that apparently he's your decision too that's right we had another meeting of our delegation this morning and our position is unchanged in other words the delegation is supporting him as a favorite son and until we decide otherwise we don't know what that at this point what time that may be governor what's behind the idea of a favorite sun candidacy on the part of yourself rhodes agnew what does it really get to in the end well in our case we've already been able to have a real impact on the platform as a result of being uncommitted and on the position of the leading candidates i've spent hours discussing the basic issues and i'm confident that they've listened in a way they wouldn't have listened if i had been committed so it's been very helpful the platform hasn't been adopted yet we have an excellent platform it reflects many of the things we've recommended for the platform so it's already had a benefit governor are you waiting for this convention to deadlock and nominate you no you phyllis you fellas killed me long ago and i'm a dead duck and i don't expect that and i expect governor rockefeller or mr nixon to be nominated and i could very happily support either one governor was it the press that killed you or was it governor rockefeller by saying he'd be available for a draft in march uh the press why is the press didn't this just pull out the rug from under you governor rockefeller look there's many factors there's no point in getting discussion all over this point but at any event i'm a dead duck and consequently uh i don't think that's in the beginning uh i think what we need is is the best platform we can get and the best candidate and that's what we're working on right who is the best candidate governor well i think it's either governor rockefeller or mr nixon we haven't decided and that's what we're going to weigh

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and that's what we're going to weigh don't you feel you're closer on the vietnam war to governor rockefeller well uh mr nixon has changed his position fundamentally in the past week and i believe that that reflects the discussions we've had on it and the impact of my new hampshire campaign on his position because he began to change his position up in new hampshire are you going to keep on the pressure to demand any further concessions as the price of your support the platform no no not the platform we're not through with the platform yet and uh we have one area that we're taking a look at the respective platform i don't think it's a divisive issue but it's an issue of great importance as far as the platform is concerned if we find that uh there are weaknesses of the type that may be there governor you're from a large industrial state which man can carry your state better richard nixon or nelson rockefeller we haven't decided but when do you decide you don't decide thankfully i'm gonna have a caucus tomorrow afternoon we're going to have another one wednesday afternoon we're going to discuss the platform tomorrow and possibly the candidates again and we will have another caucus wednesday afternoon to take a last look before going into the nominating session and there can still be developments in this situation we're going to wait until we know as much as we can know before we decide precisely what to do thank you governor governor george romney of michigan now to frank mcgee ahead i have with me congressman clark mcgregor who was just exchanging greetings with governor john tower of texas and uh congressman you're one of mr nixon's key for lieutenants here and the rumor persists that governor agnew of maryland will give up his favorite sun stance sometime today endorse nixon and take many of his delegates with him what can you uh deep inside the nixon camp tell us

about this the maryland delegation will caucus today at 5 30. mr nixon does have a majority of the maryland delegates now and i am reasonably confident that following that caucus today there will be a press conference and a

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there will be a press conference and a statement by governor agnew that he does indeed support the nomination of richard nixon are you saying now that that is what will happen this afternoon when they meet i i haven't any hotline into the american delegation or to governor agnew it's just my best judgment as to when governor agnew will make the decision which he's already reached well now we've had stories since we arrived here a week ago about erosion nixon delegates going over to reagan mostly some of them to rockefeller uh is there any truth in this not in the uh states of which i have uh primary knowledge that is the nine states of the upper midwest for which i have campaign responsibilities for mr nixon in fact in minnesota last night two delegates came up to me uh who we had labeled uncommitted and told me they would vote for mr nixon on the first ballot so we have actually uh enjoyed an increase rather than an erosion what i'm getting at is is the strategy to have his favorite son come out before wednesday to offset any erosion or talk of erosion i think that that's part of the strategy and i think you will see a number of senators and governors who lead delegations and who are technically uncommitted uh be making statements in the next 48 hours in support of mr nixon was that the thought behind governor bartlett of oklahoma withdrawing as a favorite son yesterday and relieving his delegation yes i see how long had that been planned well governor bartlett came to chicago three weeks ago and said to mr nixon that he was for mr nixon and uh he would make his announcement when the nixon people desired it and then we could expect others before wednesday then to break away yes thank you very much congressman thank you frank congressman clark mcgregor of minnesota this is frank mcgee on the convention floor so the three favorite sons continue uh undecided they have numerous caucuses planned they could if they all got together they could sell up the nomination right now but so far they have decided not to mayor j dermer of miami beach is

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mayor j dermer of miami beach is welcoming the convention here and saying it is the jewel in miami beach's crown and i've got big applause we will continue after this message from golf as david said a moment ago the status and uh the leanings or the perpendicular status of uh the favorite son candidates as you will is about the only source of summon some tension and excitement here at the convention this morning governor rhodes of ohio of course is one of those key favorite son candidates also there is governor agnew of the state of maryland governor romney of the state of michigan and senator clifford case to some extent uh leading the delegation from new jersey um one of those favorite key favorites on candidates governor rhodes of ohio is down on the floor of the convention at this moment i believe sandra van ocker is prepared to talk to him governor rhodes this is uh morning after the ohio caucus has met a high delegation's caucus what happened at the caucus well the uh caucus was very harmonious and uh john andrews the permanent chairman of the delegation uh made a suggestion that the high delegation stick with the favored son and they uh do this until the first ballot is over with and their caucus again [Music] i see nothing that so sensational about that in ohio we have been uncommitted we have uh been extremely careful on our uh greeting of all of the candidates uh richard nixon and nelson rockefeller and ronald reagan we have treated them all

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ronald reagan we have treated them all alike we've tried to be very gracious and kind and we're going to remain uncommitted here at the convention until the right time governor it will be sensational if you decide to make a move because you can take a good part of the delegation with you which way are you leaning at this moment i'm not leaning anywhere there'll be no participation by the governor of ohio until i talk to all of the delegates i think this is the fairest group of men and women here in the city of miami beach and we told them this morning we'll meet every morning we will relate them progress what is going on as far as the leadership is concerned we have an excellent chairman in john andrews and we're going to be just as fair as we

possibly can and we're inviting all of the potential candidates and the announced candidates before the high delegation governor you're known to have expressed doubts in the past privately about the ability of richard nixon to carry an industrial state like ohio do you still have those doubts well i don't uh i haven't expressed any doubts about any of them i think that not publicly not publicly or privately what i have said i said publicly that i believe that all three of the leading candidates can carry ohio all of them including ronald reagan yes i think ronald reagan but gerry ohio what makes you think that do you have polls or just your instinct yourself uh uh we have enough polls in ohio and i think that uh john andrews a state chairman runs a very scientific organization i think he relies upon uh public opinion he'll relied upon polls and what people are talking about doesn't mr saxby who's the attorney general who's running for the senate feel that nelson rockefeller would help him more in the industrial sections of coyote i think that bill saxby our candidate the united states senate have been just as fair as every other delegate in the group from ohio i think he's been impartial and nonpartisan all the affairs how much have you been wooed since you arrived here have any of the candidates talk to you well we've talked to

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most of the candidates by phone or in person and we haven't wavered from our position of being uncommitted all right you're going to be put in nomination on wednesday night what did you and governor agnew discuss yesterday on the golf course well uh first we discussed the rain and that was uh very bad and we ate lunch together we discussed uh about jobs and employment pollution governor you're bluffing me now and you know you mean politics no no politics believe me uh he has not he told me yesterday that they had not come to any final conclusion i told him that i could not say what the high delegate they're going to meet this morning at eight o'clock they met and taken action and he said he will see me sometime today governor have you got the ambitions to be a vice presidential candidate i have no ambition and i've said this on many many different occasions publicly and private that's something i do talk about friday that you will not seek the vice president i will not seek the vice presidential nomination on but will you accept one i will not accept them do not accept them thanks governor rhodes very much this is sandra van oaker talking with governor rhodes of ohio to david brinkley governor claude kirk of florida has been introduced to the strains of swanee river down to the platform welcome welcome all set all set here we go got my 100 speech right here my fellow americans ladies and gentlemen of the convention the republican national convention the state of florida bid you welcome of course mrs kirk erica is not with us and she extends her apologies we're very busy right now awaiting the arrival of the favorite son or daughter in palm beach in any case

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daughter in palm beach in any case in this historic moment because we are assembled here to nominate the man in miami beach who is destined to be the next president of the united states [Applause] but we here in florida are not kidding ourselves we know that you did not choose florida only because of our sunny skies or beautiful hotel facilities or the incomparable beaches we know that in choosing florida you have flung down a gauntlet you have said that the corrupt century-long one-party rule of the south is ended forever by being here in florida you have sent the message loud and clear to every citizen of the south and that message is stop being taken for granted turn away from the fading party of the past and turn to the republican party the party of the future [Applause] you know this city we are in is a symbol of the new south because it is a city with its eyes trained on the future here is a city destined to become the supersonic jetport of the western hemisphere this state we are in is a symbol of the new south our six million floridians make up the eighth state in the union our population mirrors the nation and we come here by choice to live the good life and to build an exciting future you know this new south says to the republican party we're tired of the old one party system

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we're tired of the old one party system the new part the new south says to the republican party we are fed up with the old demagogues with their racist appeals the new south says the republican party we've had it right up to here with a party that says one thing in the south and another thing in the north the republican party in the new south is proud of the new role we play in the political affairs of this nation under the surging leadership who believes in the republican the republican party who believes in the politics of success the new south challenges the republican party to come up with this new leadership that will listen to our voice come up with a new leadership that will reunite our nation my fellow delegates this convention will respond to that challenge this convention will put the united back in the united states when we have chosen our candidate the new south will do its share and the new south will do more than its share to elect this man president of the united states this new south has fought scratched and clawed its way back into the two-party system and mark my words we are not about to throw our new power down the drain of any futile backward sure to lose candidacy of any third party now that we have finally found our voice we are not about to waste it hollering down some empty barrel by holding your convention in the capital of the new south we have sent this word forth all americans from every region welcome to the republican party and so i say republicans from every region welcome to the beautiful florida thank you

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you [Applause] thank you [Applause] thank you very very much that was the governor of florida who uh as we indicated yesterday afternoon on uh nbc uh special broadcast uh the governor of the state of florida would has a dream and it would very much he would very much like to be a vice presidential candidate on a ticket headed by governor nelson rockefeller of new york we'll be back in a moment after this message from gulf head from the platform governor kirk the governor of florida has just welcomed everybody it is about time in a moment to introduce the temporary chairman senator brook of massachusetts governor kirk incidentally while he dreams of the vice presidency is living on a houseboat tied up down here in miami beach across from the hotels it is air-conditioned carpeted has a swimming pool and palm trees on the deck and paisley wallpaper inside worth hundred and fifty thousand dollars and it looks like a floating suburban rambling ray bliss is on the uh platform the delegates are in their places the halls are not clogged we have been going now for about 45 minutes and no one has yet called for order in the hall general i president uh former president eisenhower as you recall last time said he was distressed at the disorderliness and the carnival atmosphere of the republican conventions and so they appointed a committee to try to do something about it they uh they did something but they have not uh you can't make a convention orderly but this one so far it may change but so far it is a model of decorum and rectitude the aisles are clear and everybody is in his place frank mcgee down on the floor frank

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how about [Music] republican convention um senator scott there is talk how about this can you hear me now has it been a great deal of thought frank we'll try you again in a minute while somebody adjusts some of those wires hanging on you i mentioned governor kirk's house boat there was a party here last night in miami for the massachusetts delegation also on a houseboat it was given by senator brooke and as the guests delegates wives press and so on began piling aboard the house boat began to sink so it was overloaded and so they had to put some of the guests ashore to keep it afloat women and children first chet well that wasn't the only party david the republican party as a matter of fact earned about a million dollars last night for their campaigns at a party the mood of which was so exuberant it could have been called an inaugural ball approximately twenty five hundred guests paid five hundred dollars each to attend the gala in the three-quarter of an acre ballroom at the fontainebleau hotel for their money they got the chance so we are told to kiss happy rockefeller and scorers seem to do it they can shake hands with texas oil man h i hunt exchange smiles with the ronald reagans chat with john wayne watch david eisenhower dance with julie nixon and uh eat a cantaloupe filled with tropical fruit moaned breast of cape on artichoke buttons with asparagus tips baby carrots continental rice salad and a frozen florida orange surprise and if you wanted to you could put the whole thing on a credit card a political

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on a credit card a political contribution on a credit card in miami beach that's the republican convention 1968. as i say the temporary chairman senator brooke of massachusetts is on his way to the platform they have appointed a committee to uh to escort him and he will be along shortly he is we may as well say this now and get it out of the way he's the first uh negro temporary chairman the first negro ever elected there were two appointed during reconstruction days he was the first negro ever elected to the senate um and the um an interesting fact about him which is not new but interesting is that he was uh elected in massachusetts attorney general in uh for the first time by a huge majority and when the word of this was taken to the then president kennedy he's responded that's the biggest news in the country he was he was a republican elected in a democratic state a negro elected in a white state and a protestant elected in a mainly catholic state and some sort of tribute to him he's much admired in the party and there is some talk of brook for vice president on the uh on the nixon ticket some talk i don't know how much there is to it no one knows yet we'll find out probably thursday on the schedule by the way that the permanent chairman will be representative gerald ford of michigan who is the republican leader in the house of representatives in washington and who will be speaker if they win a majority this november he says if the balloting on wednesday night goes beyond three more than three ballots it probably will be carried over to the next day they usually do that sandy van oaker on the floor sandy um i'm leading uh congressman rogers martin of uh maryland over here to the south dakota delegation and i should explain what he's doing here he's running the nixon command post because you're the nixon floor manager right congressman right senator

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right congressman right senator would you tell me how this works you've got nine operatives on the floor i have nine area whips on the floor and how will this work just explain to the audience on a technical basis how modern conventions work well it's a matter of communication standards simply a matter of being able to communicate with the delegates themselves through a regionalized whip organization we have a telephone system that goes from the floor to a command post off the floor and this network uh provides me with the opportunity of talking with the other whips provides me the opportunity of talking with every single delegation we have a i have to have a secondary system because we don't have enough phones but our whips are strategically located where they themselves can communicate either with walkie-talkie radios or by word of mouth with delegation team captains who are close to them so in a matter of seconds i can actually get a message to every single one of the delegations that is a message to a person in that delegation uh who is with us in helping protect the interests of mr nixon here in this convention the hypothetical possibility the end of the first ballot there has to be a decision can mr nixon get immediately to you sitting here in south dakota absolutely he can get to me immediately let's carry this hypothetical situation further you get to the end of the first ballot what then are the logistics who speaks to who first do you speak to somebody or does somebody speak to you the command post is monitoring of course the balloting so the information that they have in the command post is has gotten to them extra my uh my communication i do not have to report to them on the course of the balloting they have that they get it through your network for example and through other people who are monitoring the convention but what what i am able to do is that if if this gets to the first ballot and the second ballot is indicated i would be able then with mr nixon with his campaign staff to have a strategic conference without any of us having to move from our position as to what action we should take uh

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as to what action we should take uh following that but let me add i think this is a hypothetical case we're going to win it on the first ballot i knew you were going to say that thank you very much congressman rogers morton the nixon floor manager now to john chancellor the 1964 the 1964 convention keynoter four years ago was then governor mark hatfield of oregon now senator mark hatfield of oregon senator hatfield when you made that speech in san francisco you came out against extremism against communism against fascism and against the john birch society do you suppose we'll hear that kind of strong talk at this convention i don't think the circumstances are the same in this convention and uh so i doubt very much if governor evans will

uh find it necessary to make comment on that what kind of what are the differences which you can perceive now how do the republicans all of them uh decide to get together and not have divisive ideological fights at a convention i don't think that we have uh necessarily uh united ourselves as one mind i think we recognize that there can be strength and diversity of opinion uh if it is uh geared to a common objective uh the trouble that we have had in the past is that we have felt that diversity represents disloyalty and i don't think that exists this year and i feel that this convention is going to come out fairly harmonious we're going to have our differences and i hope we do because out of that will come i think even better thinking and stronger positions i'm reminded of what someone once said that where everyone is thinking alike no one is thinking very much well now there are differences of opinion on the war and you yourself are against the war in vietnam you're known as a dove how do you feel about that plank they wrote well i think the party platform is a very broadly based document uh i was very pleased to see that the plank on vietnam did indicate that the johnson humphrey policy is not a valid one which indicated that we are filing purely an external aggression

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are filing purely an external aggression a war this platform recognizes the internal problems of vietnam and secondly they call for the americanization of the military as well as the economic the social political this represents i believe a definite new thrust a new direction and i believe a new hope for america is to uh extricate ourselves out of vietnam and i think it's important that this kind of document came out within days after president johnson sent four thousand more american troops into vietnam escalating the war further we're calling for the american isaac senator thank you very much senator hatfield talking about unity in the party and the party platform now here's frank mcgee i have with me as i was saying a lot ago senator hugh scott of pennsylvania whom i'm sure many of you will remember as one of those who stuck by governor rockefeller through those terribly trying days four years ago at the cow palace and senator there's been a great deal of talk about erosion among delegates here most of it coming from the rockefeller camp and now the nixon people are saying that certain favorite sons leaders of smaller delegations are withdrawing and releasing their delegations and they're going to nixon what do you see is the strategy behind this well in politics frank uh when a mayor has a new building to dedicate he does it about four times when they dig the ground when they lay the foundation when they open the doors and when they put the furniture in the same thing is happening here [Applause] the idea is to release delegations who were released three months ago two months ago you take oklahoma oklahoma had a convention and went for next no several months back so one delegate rushes up to me and said did you know oklahoma had released for nixon what they're doing is releasing about the fourth time the same people is this designed to counter the erosion talk yes it is i mean if you haven't got new delegates to release then you release the same ones over again where do you see an old convention technique where do you see the erosion occurring

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occurring well i would say there has been substantial erosion in certain southern states toward governor regan [Applause] north carolina is a marked illustration of that texas and some other places i imagine that oklahoma keeps announcing that they're for nixon because they're afraid they aren't well there is a rumor that will not be down that sometime this afternoon five o'clock governor agnew of maryland will withdraw himself as a favorite son and will uh release his delegations and most delegates will go over to nixon well i don't know whether he will or not i it's another one of those things it was written up in the washington post uh at least four weeks ago that governor agnew felt that way and that's his privilege we've already allowed for the fact that there are all probably 16 or 18 connections six or eight for rockefeller in their delegation so uh when they're released that's where they'll go but uh uh i have i certainly would not have any surprise if governor agnew does that i do not expect uh governor rhodes of ohio or governor romney of michigan to do anything other than hold on to their delegations if either of them should before the balloting begins turn loose of their delegation would that spill the end of rockefeller's hopes i think it would be uh quite a hard blow to sustain if either of them did yes but actually a number of delegates are moving to rockefeller and uh they are moving in uh two threes fours i know one delegation is ready to shift eight possibly ten on the second ballot

for example which one is that can't tell you thank you senator very much pleasure to talk to you chad well it goes on all the talk on the floor of this convention to date and now we've been in session uh about an hour and 45 minutes uh all the talk here

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minutes uh all the talk here is uh still centered on the three favorites and candidates governor romney of michigan governor agnew of maryland and governor rhodes of ohio what are they going to do firstly and what are their delegations going to do thus far it's the only source of tension and excitement we'll continue nbc's coverage of the republican convention right after this message from the gulf oil corporation uh continuing a bit with our attention to these three favorite sun candidates let's take governor rhodes of ohio and uh try to demonstrate that this is not a completely happy situation in which to be in at a convention for the governor is balancing on almost precarious political tightrope if he doesn't fall or get pushed off he could of course wind up as the king maker of this convention in his hip pocket governor rhodes has 56 of the 58 ohio delegate votes the biggest single total belonging to any favorite son he can keep them he can release them bargain with them use them as a lure and in the end perhaps a crown a candidate with them but it's a risky business and no one knows it better than governor rhodes four years ago even before leaving for san francisco to attend that convention rhodes endorsed barry goldwater and he lived to ruin rhodes had blessed a presidential candidate who didn't stand a chance of carrying his state but waiting too long can also be hazardous roads 56 votes if released now might put nixon over the top for a first ballot nomination and then of course maybe by wednesday night nixon won't need roads and the ohio governor will find himself reduced to playing follow the leader with every other delegation and that would be the end of a lot of ambitions and political dreams so to repeat the role of being a favorite son candidate while in many respects it's an envious one it does have its hazards and uh it's not all profit david one of them governor spiro agnew

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david one of them governor spiro agnew of maryland will have a press conference tonight at 6 15 at which time he may have made up his mind it's being held at his hotel in the crazy horse room nbc's correspondents are up and down the length and breadth of miami beach following all these delegations and keeping track of their maneuvers and decisions bob teague for example is at the doral hotel with the ohio delegation bob what was supposed to be one of the critical events of this convention a caucus of the big delegation from ohio turned out to be routine and inconclusive according to the state chairman john andrews the only firm decision made was to go through with the original plan to nominate governor rhodes as a favorite son candidate for president and to stick with roads at least for the first ballot however as unremarkable as that fact may sound it could be quite significant it could mean for example that governor rhodes has learned that not enough of the other favorite sun candidates planned to defect the richard nixon on the first ballot to put nixon over the top at that point it was also disclosed by chairman andrews that details are now being worked out for possible meetings with nixon reagan and stassen meetings requested by those candidates governor rockefeller had met with the ohio delegation on july 19th in columbus and has not requested a second meeting however chairman andrews said time would be set aside for rockefeller if requested by the governor those meetings of course could have a strong bearing on what the ohio delegation finally does nobody around here likes to mention the word deal but the situation is certainly right for a deal to say the least and finally the ohio delegation is also likely to be strongly influenced by the results of a statewide poll of ohio voters on presidential candidates that poll is something of a tradition in ohio as a guide to convention delegates but chairman andrew said the results of that poll has not yet been told to the delegates and that he himself and jews has not had a chance to study it

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a chance to study it the rumor is that that poll favors nelson rockefeller in the meantime governor rhodes remains as he was when he first arrived in miami beach still a potential king maker still in the cat bird seat this is bob teague nbc news reporting from the headquarters of the ohio delegation this is john dancy nbc

news at the headquarters of the reagan delegation the dovil hotel governor reagan has left the hotel and gone to uh convention headquarters governor reagan has one distinct advantage at this convention and that is that he is not bound by the convention as a non-candidate he is not bound by the convention which says that a candidate does not appear on the floor of convention hall until his name is actually placed in nomination so as head of the california delegation he is free to go to convention hall to sit on the floor to lead the delegation and to be highly visible to the other delegates at convention hall that is important in the reagan strategy because the reagan strategy involves having the governor be both visible and available to the other delegates what the reagan people are hoping is that mr nixon will start to falter after the first or second ballot and that the delegates then will switch to a conservative like ronald reagan rather than to a liberal like nelson rockefeller so to that end mr reagan is meeting with other delegations here today but uh so far he has met with several delegations and the reagan strategy is based on getting a great number of delegates to shake loose and go to reagan so far that has not happened this is john dancy nbc news at reagan headquarters here at nixon headquarters there's an air of what the state department would call cautious optimism but probably with better reason the pressure on favorite sons continues senator hiram fong hawaii's favorite son announced this

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hawaii's favorite son announced this morning that he had solved the dilemma of a favorite son who has a favorite son of his own senator fong who has been a nixon backer for some time unqualifiedly announced his support for nixon but said that while his name would go to the convention as a favorite son he would withdraw that status upon the completion of the first ballot but before the tally is announced otherwise things continue quietly here preparations are going ahead for the reception of mr nixon when he arrives in miami beach this evening his press secretary tells us there will be a spontaneous crowd on hand complete with a spontaneous chief of police to estimate its size so it now appears that the first really really crucial period will be after the first ballot is completed in that period when delegates can switch and change and shift their votes all before the count is announced so while it is probably true as his opponents say that mr nixon does not have the votes he needs on the first ballot their period of maximum peril will arrive after that and it is quite possible that he will have those votes before the second ballot begins this is frank mankowitz nbc news at the nixon headquarters we will find out now of course governor agnew's announcement will have more than just the ordinary impact because of the bandwagon psychology that always is started or they try to start at this point in a convention reason being that governor agnew was one of the major national figures to come out early for governor rockefeller he urged mr rockefeller's entrance in the race supported him had every reason to believe that governor rockefeller was going to enter and then when mr rockefeller made his first decision not to enter the race governor agnew is one of the most surprised of all as a matter of fact he could be compared to the bride waiting at the altar without a groan so now it is expected that governor agnew of maryland is going to announce for richard nixon tonight this is nancy

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richard nixon tonight this is nancy dickerson nbc news at republican headquarters perhaps in order is a word about the security that is prevailing are in and around this convention here's an example of it press and vip credentials are in such short supply here that nearly a dozen pennsylvania reporters photographers and state party officials will be covering this first session at least in our hotel rooms by watching television apparently the national committee failed to send enough tickets and credentials to the pennsylvania state republican committee whatever the cause reporters have been fuming all morning at pennsylvania gop press secretary bob carroll who certainly isn't too happy either because he hasn't been given credentials for himself carol brought this to the attention of governor raymond shafer's press aide and discovered that the press aide did had no credentials well a story like that is being duplicated somewhat repeatedly around this convention this morning and at any convention there are always a number of vips and other officials and guests who would appear to have some sort of a license to visit a national convention but they have no license at this one at least to this stage we'll be back in a moment after this message from gulp [Music] governor reagan of california as you saw earlier if you tuned in with us is in the hall because he is the only

one of the three who is a favorite son in the usual sense the other two are of course not here nixon in fact is uh didn't come into miami until last night they are ensconced up and down the beach in hotel suites reagan and one at uh at a hotel at in season i don't know what it costs now in season it costs 525 dollars a day nixon's costs 400 rockefeller who is the richest of them all is in the hotel farthest way and he is

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is in the hotel farthest way and he is camped out at sixty dollars a day john chancellor you there uh yes david i'm standing here with senator charles percy of illinois one of the people who continually gets mentioned as a potential vice presidential candidate uh in your endorsement of rockefeller senator percy how do you judge the campaign as of now how what effect did the ohio delegation decision not to move toward a candidate have on rockefeller's candidacy well of course that was crucial john it was essential that ohio stay uncommitted uh to any specific candidate other than their favorite son we're trying to encourage as many favorite sons as possible to keep an open convention from not for clothes being foreclosed on the first ballot would you say would you uh looking back on the ohio decision now say that the rockefeller cause would have been lost if the delegation had decided to go for another candidate it had been it would be severely crippled no question about that possibly not lost because there's still two days until wednesday night but it would have been a real setback but i felt that governor rhodes would stand firm in the ohio delegation on this and this has now been confirmed senator i've followed you this morning for the last half hour you've been calling on delegations and talking to a lot of people what do you as a rockefeller supporter feel the mood of the floor is right now i think it's a mood to want to have a candidate that would win and i do not uh go to committed nixon delegates and try to change their minds those that are uncommitted that are wavering are the ones that i talk to in as many delegations as i can reach and i simply talk about the excellence of the candidacy of nelson rockefeller i think he's a man for the times i think he can bridge the gap between the rich and the poor between the black and the white between the generations now that is so uh wide senator uh you were in a in kind of the cat bird

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uh you were in a in kind of the cat bird seat in the middle west as a potential vice presidential candidate for almost any nominee or rockefeller or nixon and then you endorsed rockefeller why did you do that why didn't you just stay silent through utter conviction that the times are so powerless and the opportunities for this country so great that we need the best possible man as you know in my statement i said we're fortunate in the republican party to have two highly qualified men but i've worked with governor rockefeller for a dozen years intimately i think he's a man who will give strength to this country abroad and give unity to us here at home he can heal many of the wounds that we have internally for that reason i solidly support him whether we could assume that in terms if rockefeller wins the nomination that you'd be on his mind as one of the men he might think of as a vice presidential i wouldn't think so at all i've never heard that really uh seriously discussed what if i were to ask you the same question about a nixon nomination well i'd heard that discussed a great deal before i supported governor rockefeller i've heard very little about it since then it's highly improbable well thank you very much and you think it's going to be open on wednesday night you think we might have a long night validation hope so it's going to be a long night it'll take five or six hours for i think just the nominations and the favorite sons and the demonstrations but all of that is a part of it until we get down to the actual validation and you're going to keep working down here for rockefeller every single moment i am working for the man i believe would be the best president and the man the democrats most fear to run against that is the the politicians in the democratic party i think millions of democrats would switch over and vote for rockefeller that's why he could win with taking almost half the independent vote too right thank you very much i'm going to have to be the first reporter at this convention to say he doesn't know where the program is supposed to go at this point did somebody tell me that thank you not ed newman thank you john i'm standing with colonel jack l warner who's a member of the

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jack l warner who's a member of the california delegation and is also of course a member of warner brothers uh colonel warner how long is the california delegation going to stay with ronald reagan uh until he dismisses it he's in a written forms and whatnot and things in the paper wherever that after the first ballot the governor will dismiss the delegation that is not true he emphasized it yesterday afternoon that he'll dismiss the delegation whenever it's a proper time to so do do you expect him to dismiss it or do you think he's going all the way i believe he's going all the way now have you heard colonel warner that governor agnew of maryland who was thought to be a key man is expected to come out for richard nixon tonight have you heard that no i i'm rather incarcerated i haven't heard very much well we have heard it what do you make of that what do you think that's going to do to reagan's chances well i better imagine that the the the greater amount of delegates complete the whole united states members whatever they decide that one of the man is going to be nominated i i don't know what chance this is going to do with reagan i'm not in position to know and i couldn't prophesy if i really did know is there is there any pressure within the delegation to break away none whatsoever there are 86 delegates and 86 alternates i am there has been one person who has spoken up and said they'd like to get free and vote the way they please i said suppose suppose the delegates are dismissed colonel warner where will they go will they go to rockefeller or will they go to nixon because i see it i feel it rather i believe they'll spread out over three people reagan rockefeller nixon not in that order well once they're dismissed by rachel they won't they won't be staying with reagan anymore no you don't you won't

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reagan anymore no you don't you won't have to but if reagan still stays in the a great majority of the women and men will vote for our for the governor i feel this is my pulse tell me how you feel about the way the convention operates i it's the first one i've been at other than seeing it on television through the many years it's fantastic it's unbelievable that a organization is large and mammoth and so easily be handed handled it with the least amount of effort well were you able to hear anything that was being said on the platform not to a great degree just here and there with a little too much noise although i know you the uh the viewing public throughout the world will hear and see everything they're saying do you want to know what's being said on the platform uh not at this meeting all together this opening session tonight i'd like to i hope that would be quiet that we can hear the important speakers also some important this afternoon wouldn't be a bad idea if they did keep quiet a little bit i'm afraid there's too many women here to keep it quiet because the men are doing the most of the time you just made it with that thank you colonel warner i appreciate it edward newman on the convention side thank you again we have just learned that 16 mules will invade this somewhat elephant-conscious resort city hitched to eight wagons and they're part of the poor people's campaign 100 members of the campaign are expected 40 left atlanta by bus last night another 40 are coming from memphis tennessee and about 20 are heading toward miami beach in private automobiles the reverend ralph abernathy leader of the campaign says he would like to get seats for all his people so they can meet and talk with individual members of the delegations here and if he cannot obtain the tickets abernathy has hinted he'll stage daily mule parades around uh this convention hall well as it's going now uh the reverend abernathy uh apparently is not going to obtain seats

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apparently is not going to obtain seats unless uh some drastic changes in the rules and regulations occur so far as vice vice presidential nominations are concerned another name that keeps coming up is that of new york's uh mayor john lindsay lindsey insists however flatly that he has no interest in becoming a vice presidential candidate other names mentioned are those of senator john tower of texas governor daniel evans of washington who is to be the keynote speaker senator howard baker of tennessee who by the way and as you perhaps know is senator dirksen's son-in-law governors james rhodes of ohio and john volpe of massachusetts house minority leader gerald ford of michigan and representative bob wilson of california but insofar as mayor john lindsay is concerned we are about to transmit a taped interview with him so let's switch to gabe pressman at the americana hotel bye tape mr mayor as you uh prepare to go down to the convention hall uh and i ask you uh how do you feel about this report that the former vice president nixon is considering

both you and senator percy as possible running mates well i'm i'm not for that uh and i wish there'd be no discussion of it i'm not interested in the post uh not the slightest bit and i think that this convention can become an interesting convention if additional delegates start moving over towards nelson rockefeller i think there is some movement this way and the only way to assist that is to turn off this conversation about the second spot as far as you're concerned uh the fact that you have a fairly large suite upstairs with 25 aids and a lot of telephone lines should not be regarded as an indication that you expect that maybe there'll be some movement in your direction later on in the convention not the slightest bit what we're doing is talking to delegates individual delegates on behalf

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delegates on behalf nelson rockefeller and i think we've made some progress too do you feel uh right now uh mr mayor that nelson rockefeller has a real chance i do you don't think the nixon will make it on the first ballot well i'm no good at adding up these things because we despite the fact you say we've got a big staff here we don't keep a delegate count we're not geared up to do that kind of thing but my hunch is that this is going to be held beyond the first ballot which means governor rockefeller as in a very strong chance to come out of this mayor lindsay what do you think of the platform particularly the planks in vietnam and the cities well i've read the platform now hastily i haven't had a chance to examine it microscopically i think it's it's a reasonable document there are some things that are not in it i'd like to say in it i think governor rockefeller has about stated it right the governor said that it uh is consistent with his philosophy and his position in this convention that it's moved towards him uh uh more than any other candidate that is around this place and i think that's right what would you like to have seen that isn't it well you know there are some things about the cities that i would like to see in it to make it a little bit stronger and uh more positive on vietnam in some ways but on the whole i think the governor stated it about right that it's a document that he can stand on and that means that you as a republican moderate can live with this platform yes it does thank you mr mayor we've been talking to mayor john lindsay of new york in the lobby of the hotel americana gabe pressman in the lobby of the americana as mayor lindsay goes to convention hall during this largely ceremonious opening session of the republican convention we have been hearing from some of the prominent figures in the party as you've seen interviews winding up a second ago with mayor lindsay of new york we heard from governor romney earlier who assessed his own chances with a phrase saying of

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own chances with a phrase saying of himself i am a dead duck colonel jack warner as a delegate from california pledged to governor reagan and was interviewed on the floor a minute ago and he says the delegate the california delegation will stay with governor reagan until he dismisses us some time ago when reagan first announced he was running for governor warner he used to be his boss at warner brothers said he thought it was not good casting that they should have another actor for governor and ronald reagan for his best friend we'll be back with more of nbc's coverage of the republican convention after this message from golf back at uh convention hall here is report that the nixon forces have adopted a rather new strategy in an effort to break new jersey's commitment to its favorite son senator clifford case and it goes if you help rockefeller you're going to wind up with reagan nixon's staff members reportedly are telling the that to the new jersey delegates new jersey voted 38-2 yesterday to support senator case as a favorite son on the first ballot the new jersey move was a blow of course to the nixon forces one delegate mrs eleanor nislly a rockefeller supporter said a nixon staff member spent more than two hours yesterday telling her she actually was helping reagan if he ever does convince me mrs misley said then i will vote for nixon he's better than reagan anyway well that gives you an idea of what's going on here among these various delegations and as the aides for the various candidates work on those delegates who appear to be wavering to any in any degree and also continue to work on the delegates pledge to the favorite sons governor spyro t agnew entered convention hall this morning this morning acknowledging that it's no secret at all that he is indeed leaning toward nixon but he was very careful to add that that could change agnew said it is

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that that could change agnew said it is still probable that he will announce his decision to the american to the maryland delegation this evening question about his own availability for vice president agnew said i don't think that is in the cards at all now to the convention floor and sander van oaker i'm standing down here on the convention floor with governor john volpe of massachusetts governor you lost to nelson rockefeller in your primary but how many ballots is your uh delegation committed to him it is committed only on one ballot the first ballot and that only okay what happens then uh nixon will be nominated how does massachusetts break down if there is a need for a second ballot uh dick nixon will get a majority of our delegation it won't be a large majority but he will get a majority of our delegation well you've got 34 uh votes at the end of the first ballot can you ask to be recognized and then switch i cannot do it at that time we could on a technicality but uh we're going to live both within the intent as well as the spirit of the law and uh wait until the second ballot to make the change because although there are some who feel that we could do it i think it would be violating the spirit of the law and therefore we will wait until a second ballot if there is a need for a second ballot governor you want to be a vice presidential candidate for a long time why well i don't know that i wanted to be a vice presidential candidate i can only say that uh there is a great contribution to be made to the uh republican party we've got to make it a broad-based party we've got to make it a majority party we've got to strengthen the two-party system and there are those who say that they feel that i could uh lend great strength to the ticket and uh why well because of the fact that uh i probably could bring votes to the republican ticket as i have demonstrated in massachusetts uh by winning 34 of the 39 democratic cities in the state by carrying great numbers of democrats and independents with me in elections and

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elections and this is what we need all over the country listen can richard nixon carry the state of massachusetts i know you're going to say yes but tell me why you think so what evidence is there there is great evidence that there are more and more people who feel that a real firm hand is needed at the helm during these next four crucial years what is that phrase means firm hand get crackdown on law and order things i wouldn't say crackdown i would say that they believe that it's essential and necessary that we have a respect for law and order not just for some of the laws that people want to obey but all of the laws for all people justly and fairly he is however a very compassionate man i'm sure that dick nixon is not going to allow uh law and order to be used in terms of an iron fist or anything only in terms of the fact that the law should be obeyed all of the law should be obeyed and that however he feels great compassion for the needs of our american people and certainly will fight for equal opportunities for them whether it be in the field of housing employment or uh education if you thought law enforcement just down on negros would you still want to run on a ticket with mr nixon if i thought it was a attempt to crack down on law and order for a particular race of people i certainly would not want to and i don't believe that's the intent at all thank you very much governor john vote of massachusetts who would like to be a vice presidential uh nominee at this convention now to john chancellor one of the most interesting men working the convention floor on behalf of richard nixon is howard callaway of georgia the southern regional chairman of the nixon forces here we've had reports uh mr callaway that nixon partisans are telling delegates here if they switch to rockefeller they won't get rockefeller but they might get reagan in the end what do you have to say about that well no i haven't heard that uh certainly that's not being put out by the nixon forces in the south uh actually the threat in the south to nixon who is the favorite in the south right now the threat comes from reagan not from rockefeller

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not from rockefeller so if we were telling anything we'd be telling about what would happen if you go to reagan uh reagan is extremely popular here he's campaigned in the south he's well known in the south and our job for the nixon people is to continue to convince what we've done in the past continue to convince the majority of delegates in the south that dick nixon is the most qualified to be president fortunately we've done that and most of them are for dick nixon but reagan's popular let me tell you that well we know you've done a very effective job with many of the southern delegations but how much wallace sentiment is buried in some of these delegations how many of these people would like to go home and vote for george wallace oh not not here john this is the republican convention and these people are genuine republicans we'll back the nominee

whoever it may be whether it's our choice or not we believe in building a two-party system in the south and we're going to back that republican nominee but i would have to say as you know that wallace is extremely strong in many southern states starting of course with alabama and that's with the electorate and i think he's strong because he is saying that we've got to have a change in this country and i think we've got to have a change and he thinks we've got to have a change i think the way to get it is to elect dick nixon which will throw out the present administration but he is strong in the south but not with these delegates why not ronald reagan reagan has a lot of support in the south what is the difference to you as a southern republican between reagan and nixon well i think we're in a fortunate position to have two very fine people and that's a wonderful thing about the republican party we're choosing between two good people most southern delegates feel as i do that dick nixon is more experienced has had more qualifications and because of that we'll make a better president so we're not annie reagan at all we're for both of them but the law says you can only have one and nick nixon is our choice but what kind of a tick would you like to see a nixon reagan ticket best of all i think that would be a very strong ticket in the south it would be a very good ticket i think throughout the nation i think ronald reagan has a way of inducing people so i think it's one of the tickets but to my knowledge dick nixon has not made any decision on that is going to continue to study that of course throughout this convention

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course throughout this convention as far as you're concerned your delegates are holding predictions yes sir thank you very much howard callaway of georgia the nixon southern regional chairman and now here's frank mcgee i have with me mr frank farley from atlantic county new jersey one of the more influential members of the new jersey delegation now mr farley we have a report that the nixon people are bringing great pressure to bear on this delegation arguing that if you could stick with senator case and thereby stick with governor rockefeller you may end up not with nixon with reagan not for the purpose of perpetuating case as a favorite son he is our favorite son we will support however this is done for the solidarity and may i say it's a team effort that new jersey to keep intact there was a committee of five appointed which i have to remember you can call an emergency meeting in any move any reaction may happen this convention but if not the next import of nixon people but bringing pressure to barrel and you're saying now is the time to move don't hold off you may end up with reagan no i haven't heard that and i'll say uh i've talked to nixon people in rockefeller people and i think primarily basically we should remain as a team until such times there's some definite action in some way or the other now both sides agreed nixon and rockefeller agreed on this approach no no no this is the delegation new jersey delegation i see i moved the motion was unanimously adopted yesterday that no action be taken on a vote until wednesday or until such time there was some definite reaction or some positive move for one of the candidates in within an hour's time the 40 delegates will will meet and make some final determination there is no and i was outlined to senator case that if this is a dilatory tactic that i would really oppose it now this is the substance and the concrete picture of new jersey anyone tells you otherwise it's not true because i've lived with it

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it's not true because i've lived with it i've been here this is a 1944 delegation that is my seventh uh experience as a delegation so often let me ask you something i understand you may favor governor reagan but that you would vote for governor rockefeller is that correct well that's not exactly correct i'd like to i think any one of the three candidates definitely can win the presidential united states in fact my area of average nixon very strongly you you are not a supporter of rape i'm not necessarily i think you're a fine gentleman but i'm not at night at this moment he's the county that we support him but most of the sentiment in the new jersey delegation is for governor rockefeller well i would say probably 60 all right now you are a large eastern industrial state that among other things is has many economic and racial difficulties do you think a candidate such as uh governor reagan or uh former vice president nixon can carry new jersey i think any candidate can carry new jersey either rockefeller nixon or oregon i firmly believe that i think they're ready for the time ready for a change and i say the surveys the surveys that have been made definitely show the republican party should win well when when can we expect this delegation the new jersey delegation to make it decisive uh

anytime but i say onesies the deadline in the morning and the interim definitely there will be some action taken any any psychological reaction in this convention the meeting will be called pronto so you're not going to hold off necessarily oh no you could break this drag this may happen tonight all right we'll keep in check with you thank you very connie very happy talking thank you that was mr uh hap uh finally new jersey delegation talking about what their plans are and what their settlements are as between the three candidates and we're getting ready i think here for some kind of a little demonstration or something here in the new jersey delegation a lady is trying to get the attention and they're waving the uh standard in the air what is this about there's some movement on the part of the women's part of the committee i see it's a move on a

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of the committee i see it's a move on a part of the women in the committee now here's chet this year's republican convention could yet become a target for the civil rights movement in much the same way it did in 1964 in san francisco a small group of negro republicans has challenged the credentials of three southern states charging that they have systematically excluded negroes from membership negro republicans in florida started the delegate protest when they filed suit in federal court last week and the suit asked the court to enjoin the convention from seating that delegation until a full hearing on their challenge could be conducted while a similar suit was filed today in miami by the american civil liberties union on behalf of some negro republicans in louisiana and two negro republican clubs in birmingham have filed a petition with the minorities division of the party charging negroes have been discriminated against representatives of the clubs have indicated that unless the party acts at once they also may take legal action tickets representing various civil rights groups as well as the striking garbage men of saint petersburg are expected to parade outside convention hall later today so far however they have not appeared two representatives from the southern christian leadership conference were outside convention hall this morning they were inspecting areas police have set aside for demonstrations they said picketing would start later in the day and that dr ralph abernathy the head of sclc would take part in that demonstration so i say thus far they have not appeared and at this moment at least everything inside this convention and indeed outside it as well is as calm as the bay of biscayne uh commercial is it david yes we'll be back with more of nbc's coverage of the republican convention after this message from gulp

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the first session of the republican convention here in miami beach is about to recess this morning session was devoted largely to the offering of resolutions to appoint officials for the convention and needless to say they were all passed unanimously other than that the news in miami beach is that the delegate count is the preoccupation primarily of governors reagan and rockefeller plus nixon of course yesterday yesterday one of nixon's managers was asked about the delegate count and how it stood and he said what their reading was at the moment and somebody said how long has it been since you did a complete count from top to bottom and he said about 20 minutes so this is a process that goes on all day there are arguments about this delegate leaning and that one leaning and who has been leaning one way and now leaning another way the big question remaining uh not still unanswered solidly is whether nixon will win it on the first ballot or not his people say he will his opponents say he won't some of the answer lies with the three favorite sons whom we've heard from this morning governor romney of michigan agnew of maryland and rhodes of ohio all of whom say they have not really made up their minds or at least if they have are not yet willing to say so the uh night session begins at eight o'clock florida time chad of course speaking of the mechanics and the processes of how you get a nominee nominated how you get a candidate to walk out of a convention with the nomination in his pocket uh it's not quite as simple as just coming to a convention and keeping track of the delegates who may possibly be for you or charming and wooing and winning new ones i think mr nixon has demonstrated that ideally the process should start or might well start three or four years in advance of the next convention that's just about what richard nixon has done

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done he has uh traveled i would judge uh i don't i wouldn't know how many hundreds of thousands of miles in the past four years how many dinner parties he has attended how many receptions he has spoken to how many county meetings or district meetings or indeed state meetings he has attended but it has been a long difficult process and now it is very close to paying off course with that advantage and all that strength built up in advance then you come to the convention and it is a process of holding all your strengths keeping it together perhaps stashing away a little bit in reserve to bring it into play if and when you may need it and fighting off the challenges of those who have entered the contest somewhat belatedly to uh the convention floor and edwin newman [Music] uh representative ford i think we're on the air i'm not hearing awfully well but i think we are the first session of the convention is over you don't get up there on the platform to take charge yourself until tomorrow night how do you think it's gone so far

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